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Division of Workers' Compensation Judges Consider Consolidation of Vocational Rehabilitation Issues

Mark L. Kahn, Acting Court Administrator for the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will conduct a hearing on March 27, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ronald Reagan Building Auditorium, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013, for the purpose of determining whether California workers' compensation cases involving the common issue of the effect of the repeal of Labor Code Section 139.5 on an injured workers' entitlement to vocational rehabilitation benefits and services for injuries occurring prior to January 2, 2004, should be consolidated for hearing; whether all or a limited number of such cases should be consolidated; and, assuming a consolidation is so ordered, whether an order should issue staying action on all other cases statewide in which the common issue of the effect of the repeal of Labor Code Section 139.5 is presented pending a final determination on the consolidated matter.

Appearance at this hearing is voluntary and is required only by a prospective party who wants to be heard on the issue of the proposed consolidation or stay order. Any prospective party may file a one-page written response to this notice by sending the response to the acting court administrator or to the presiding judge in any district office.

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